

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE III

REFERENCE LABORATORIES AND REFERENCE CENTRES

Article 95

Designation of [F¹ national] reference centres for animal welfare

- 1 The [F²appropriate authority must make regulations designating national reference centres for animal welfare to support activities] in relation to the application of the rules referred to in point (f) of Article 1(2).
- 2 The designations provided for in paragraph 1 shall:
 - a follow a public selection process; and
 - b be limited in time or reviewed regularly.
- 3 [F³National] reference centres for animal welfare shall:
 - a act impartially as regards the exercise of their tasks as [F⁴national] reference centres;
 - b possess a high level of scientific and technical expertise in human-animal relationship, animal behaviour, animal physiology, animal genetics, animal health and nutrition related to animal welfare, and animal welfare aspects related to the commercial and scientific use of animals;
 - c have suitably qualified staff with adequate training in the areas referred to in point (b) and in ethical issues related to animals and support staff as appropriate;
 - d possess, or have access to, the infrastructure, the equipment and products necessary to carry out the tasks assigned to them; and
 - e ensure that their staff have good knowledge of international standards and practices in the areas referred to in point (b) and that the latest developments in research at national^{F5}... and international level, including studies performed and actions undertaken by other^{F6}... reference centres for animal welfare, in those areas are taken into account in their work.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 95. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in arts. 95-98 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(2)** (with reg. 46)
- F2** Words in Art. 95(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(3)(a)** (with reg. 46)
- F3** Word in Art. 95(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(3)(b)(i)** (with reg. 46)
- F4** Word in Art. 95(3)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(3)(b)(ii)** (with reg. 46)
- F5** Word in Art. 95(3)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(3)(c)(i)** (with reg. 46)
- F6** Words in Art. 95(3)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Official Controls \(Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1481\)](#), regs. 1, **18(3)(c)(ii)** (with reg. 46)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 95.